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SUMMARY: IN AN ATTEMPT TO REFUTE PRC CONTENTION THAT IT IS A FRIEND OF SMALL AND MEDIUM COUNTRIES, ULAN BATOR NEWSPAPER LITERATURE AND ART ACCUSES THE PRC OF CARRYING OUT MILITARY EXERCISES ON THE SINO-MONGOLIAN BORDER, VIOLATING MONGOLIAN TERRITORY, SLANDERING MONGOLIA, AND STIRRING UP CHINESE IN MONGOLIA TO UNDERTAKE HOSTILE ANTI-MONGOLIAN ACTIVITIES.
END SUMMARY

1. ON EVE OF NON-ALLIGNED CONFERENCE, A MONGOLIAN CENTRAL NEWS-
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PAPER LITERATURE AND ART SEPT 3 COMMENTARY (REPORTED BY MONTSAME

NEWS AGENCY AS MONITORED BY FBIS) ATTEMPTS TO UNDERCUT PRC'S PORTRAYAL OF ITSELF AS A FRIEND OF THE THIRD WORLD BY CITING HOSTILE CHINESE ACTIONS TOWARDS MONGOLIA. THE COMMENTARY SAID THE "CHILLING MAOIST WIND FROM THE EAST" IS ATTEMPTING TO SLOW DOWN BREZHNEV'S EFFORTS TO RELAX INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS AND ACCUSED THE PRC OF USING "TACTICS OF SMILES, SOCIAL AND RACIAL DEMAGOGY, AND FALSE ASSURANCES" IN ORDER TO SEIZE LEADERSHIP OF THE THIRD WORLD AND ACHIEVE WORLD HEGEMONY. DESPITE SIGNING THE 1962 BORDER AGREEMENT WITH MONGOLIA (TERMED BY THE COMMENTARY A "FORCED MANUEVER" TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THE SINO-INDIAN BORDER CONFLICT) THE PRC IS SAID TO BE STILL "CONSTANTLY FORCING TENSIONS ON THE BORDER." FROM 1969 TO JULY 1973, THE COMMENTARY SAID THE CHINESE HAVE HELD 151 MILITARY EXERCISES NEAR THE BORDER, SOME WITHIN 30 TO 50 METERS OF IT, AND COMMITTED SOME BORDER VIOLATIONS. CHINESE SOLDIERS AND OFFICERS ARE SAID TO HAVE "DELIBERTLY PENETRATED MONGOLIAN TERRITORY, SOMETIMES AS DEEP AS 15 TO 20 KILOMETERS," TO CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE PHOTOGRAPHY, "TO FIRE ON LIVESTOCK HERDS, AND TO KILL RARE ANIMALS DESPITE NUMEROUS MONGOLIAN PROTESTS.

2. THE CHINESE ARE ALSO ACCUSED OF FAILING TO MEET THEIR OBLIGATIONS IN CARRYING OUT THEIR FORMER AID PROGRAM, OF CAUSING DAMAMGE TO THE MONGOLIAN ECONOMY, AND OF PUTTING ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PRESSURE ON THE MPR. THE CHINESE EMBASSY IS SAID TO BE TRYING TO USE THE 7,000 CHINESE CITIZENS IN MONGOLIA IN "ITS HOSTILE ANTI-MONGOLIAN ACTIVITIES." THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT ALTHOUGH PRC TACTICS TOWARD MONGOLIA HAVE CHANGED "FROM UNDISGUISED PRESSURE TO ENTICEMENT AND EVEN FLATTERY...CHINA'S GREAT-POWER POLICY TOWARD THE MPR IS CONTINUING."

3. COMMENT: THE MPR PRESUMABLY IS RESPONDING TO SOVIET ORCHESTRATION OF A CRESCENDO IN ITS ANTI-PEKING PRONOUNCEMENTS (HONG KONG 7227). BUT WHILE THE MONGOLIAN PRESS NORMALLY MAINTAINS A STEADY DRUMFIRE OF SUCH PROPAGANDA, WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY OTHER CHARGES OF CHINESE BORDER VIOLATIONS APPEARING IN RECENT YEARS. IF THIS BECOMES A MAJOR THEME IN ULAN BATOR'S PROPAGANDA, THE PRC WILL PROBABLY CONSIDER IT AN OMINOUS DEVELOPMENT. AT A MINIMUM, PEKING WILL CONCLUDE THAT MOSCOW IS ATTEMPTING TO STIR UP THE SINO-MONGOLIAN FUED, WHICH THE CHINESE HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO DOWNPLAY. OSBORN

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